GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2444
ANSWERED ON:10.03.2000
NEW PUBLICATIONS
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Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the number of newspapers, periodicals registered with the Registrar of Newspaper, State- wise, category-wise;

(b) the number of publications actually not in existence;

(c) the details and the number of applications received by the Government to start new dailies, weeklies, fortnightlies and monthlies of various languages in the country, as on date, State-wise;

(d) the number of applications approved, rejected and under consideration at present, State-wise;

(e) the reasons for rejection of the application in this regard;

(f) the time by which the pending applications are likely to be cleared; (g) the problems being faced by print media in the age of cable network; and (h) the steps taken by the Government to save print media?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND MINISTER OF STATE OF TH DEPARTMENT OF DISNVESTMENT

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(a) & (b): The number of newspapers, periodicals registered with the Registrar of Newspapers forIndia (RNI) as on 31.12.98, state-wise and category-wise is given in Annexure- I. The details of publications actually not in existence are not maintained by the RNI.

(c), (d) & (e): The number of applications received, approved, refused and the number in respect of which discrepancy letters were issued during the period from 1.1.1999 to 31.12.1999, state-wise, is given in the statement at Annexure-II. Discrepancy letters are issued in respect of applications, which do not furnish the requisite documents and do not fulfill the provisions as prescribed in the Press & Registration of Books Act, 1867.Applications were rejected because the titles proposed were the same or similar to the existing titles, in the same language or in the same state.

(f): There is no application pending in the office of the RNI.

(g): No such problem has been reported to this Ministry by the print media either individually or through any association.

(h):Does not arise.

ANNEXURE I

Annexure I as referred to in reply to part (a) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 2444 for reply on 10.3.2000

TOTAL NUMBER OF NEWSPAPERS REGISTERED WITH RNI AS ON 31.12.1998
(State/U.Ts & Periodicitywise)

State/U.Ts	Daily	Tri/Bi- Weekly	Fort- nightly	Monthly	Quar- terly	Bimonth 1/2yrly	Annual	Total
Andaman &Nicobar	4	0	17	8	9	2	2	42
Andhra Pradesh	284	7	594	323	662	76	45	1997
Arunachal Pr.	3	1	3	0	1	2	0	10
Assam	31	10	170	59	86	27	18	403
Bihar	401	33	693	149	250	58	22	1608
Chandigarh	35	1	71	28	126	39	19	322

D & N Haveli 0 0 1 0 0 0 0 0 1
Daman & Diu 0 0 0 1 0 0 0 0 1
Delhi 271 50 1079 828 2645 691 339 64 5967
Goa 13 0 15 10 27 9 5 1 80
Gujarat 114 5 579 156 415 66 60 4 1399
Haryana 95 8 321 189 201 44 15 2 875
Himchal Pradesh 9 0 53 21 41 18 8 1 151
Jammu & Kashmir 76 4 192 35 30 6 7 0 350
Karnataka 386 11 467 291 761 102 56 5 2079
Kerala 210 5 186 185 861 109 64 17 1637
Lakshadweep 0 0 0 1 1 1 0 0 3
Madhya Pradesh 450 8 2321 148 396 79 45 6 3453
Maharashtra 452 37 1466 386 1353 435 213 178 4520
Manipur 47 3 12 11 38 9 10 4 134
Meghalaya 4 4 32 6 15 5 4 1 71
Mizoram 40 11 34 7 17 5 4 0 118
Nagaland 2 0 9 0 1 2 0 0 14
Orissa 93 2 148 89 292 118 39 10 791
Pondicherry 3 1 10 4 18 17 5 1 59
Punjab 123 13 397 137 299 38 36 7 1050
Rajasthan 408 22 1008 1086 331 99 30 3 2987
Sikkim 0 2 10 1 1 1 1 0 16
Tamil Nadu 360 50 437 260 1020 128 68 18 2341
Tripura 23 2 53 7 11 3 1 0 100
Uttar Pradesh 805 31 4567 909 1153 305 109 16 7895
West Bengal 148 10 700 578 1004 633 249 32 3354

Total 4890 331 15645 5913 12065 3127 1474 383 43828

ANNEXURE II

Annexure II as referred to in reply to parts (c), (d) & (e) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 2444 for reply on 10.3.2000

TITLE INFORMATION FROM 1.1.1999 TO 31.12.1999

STATES/ U.Ts	APPROVED LETTERS ISSUED/ RECEIVED	REJECTED	DISCREPANCY	TOTAL
Andhra Pradesh	596	216	54	0866
Arunachal Pr.	0	0	0	0
Assam	46	25	8	79
Bihar	88	25	18	131
Goa	11	3	0	14
Gujarat	591	191	53	835
Haryana	248	101	1	350
Himachal Pradesh	35	24	9	68
Jammu & Kashmir	49	15	11	75
Karnataka	906	413	324	1643
Kerala	513	289	33	835
Madhya Pradesh	754	424	36	1214
Maharashtra	2664	1991	18	4673
Manipur	21	7	0	28
Meghalaya	8	5	1	14
Mizoram	52	15	0	67
Nagaland	0	1	0	1
Orissa	241	126	15	382
Punjab	158	40	10	208
Rajasthan	299	105	41	445
Sikkim	18	7	1	26
Tamil Nadu	877	012	23	912
Tripura	6	3	0	9
Uttar Pradesh	1360	931	180	2471
West Bengal	509	381	8	898
A & N Islands	16	8	0	24
Chandigarh	58	39	4	101
D & N Haveli	0	0	0	0
Delhi	1359	875	8	2242
Daman & Diu	0	0	0	0
Lakshadweep	0	0	0	0

Pondicherry	13	2	1	16
Total	11496	6274	857	18627